GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Assistance for Crop Loss in Andhra Pradesh
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent any proposal to Union Government seeking financial assistance for the State as it has suffered a great loss due to unseasonal rains recently, and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has taken any decision on the proposal and if so, the details thereof and the interim financial assistance given to Andhra Pradesh so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Unseasonal Rain is not a calamity notified by the Central Government. However, as per the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) instructions dated 20th March 2015, State-specific disasters within the local context which are not included in the Government of India notified list of disasters, are eligible for assistance from State Disaster Response fund (SDRF) subject to a ceiling of 10 percent of the funds available under the SDRF. This flexibility would be applicable only after the State has formally listed the disasters for inclusion and notified transparent norms and guidelines. However, Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a memorandum to Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), projecting a demand of Rs. 1139.03 crores for floods of 2016. An Inter-Ministerial Team (IMCT) has visited the affected areas to carry out an assessment of the situation to suggest the quantum of assistance to be made available to the State from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) by way of relief.

In order to support the affected people of the State, Government of India had released Rs.173.25 crores from SDRF and 344.88 crores from NDRF in April 2016 for management of relief necessitated by notified natural disasters in the affected areas during 2016-17.

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